

REMARKS

Claims 1, 16 and 25 have been amended. Claims 6, 15, 20 and 29 have been canceled. Claims 34-42 have been added. Therefore, upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-5, 7-14, 16-19, 21-28 and 30-42 will be pending. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Objections to the Claims:

The Examiner objected claims 16-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 1.75(a) for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. Claim 16 has been amended to address the Examiner's concern.

Prior Art Rejections:

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 7, 9, 13-18, 22, 24-27, 31 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Talluri (U.S. Publication 2004/0153481) and claims 8, 21 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Talluri in view of Jacobus et al. (U.S. Publication 2004/0068455). Applicant maintains his traversal of these rejections for at least the reasons given in Applicant's previous response. However, to expedite issuance of a patent, Applicant has amended the present application as indicated below. Applicant will continue prosecution of the previous claims in a continuation application.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Claims 4-6, 10-12, 19, 20, 23, 28, 29 and 32 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but otherwise allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Independent claims 1, 16 and 25 have been amended to include all the limitations of claims 6, 20 and 29 respectively. Independent claim 15 has been canceled. Added independent claims 34

and 36-42 correspond to claims 4, 10-12, 19, 23, 28 and 32, respectively, rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, all pending claims should now be in condition for allowance.



CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any extension of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) is necessary to prevent the above referenced application from becoming abandoned, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5760-13600/RCK.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time
- ☐ Notice of Change of Address
- ☐ Fee Authorization Form authorizing a deposit account debit in the amount of \$
for fees ().
- ☐ Other:

Respectfully submitted,

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